

# Arctic Sentry

“To Fight and Support the Fight - Any Time, Any Place”

## Controllers home, more deploying

From left, Maj. James Johnston, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat, Maj. John Seuell, 3rd Air Support Operations and Lt. Col. Russ Smith, 3rd ASOS commander, commanded their troops during Operation Iraqi Freedom. 3rd ASOS is the first Air Force unit to deploy with the Stryker vehicle.



by Tech. Sgt. William Farrow  
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

After serving six months deployed with their Army counterparts in the Iraqi war zone, the first Air Force unit to deploy with the high-tech Tactical Air Control Party Stryker vehicle is nearly finished rotating its “second-wave” of Airmen to Iraq to support the Army’s 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team’s year-long rotation there.

Airmen from the 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron deployed with the Army’s 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team to Iraq in August. Twenty-six of those Airmen have returned to Alaska, with one more expected to flow back over the next month.

“I could not be more proud of the work all my (3rd ASOS) Airmen have accomplished. They have represented their country magnificently by serving in harm’s way, right next to our Army brothers,” said Lt. Col. Russell Smith, 3rd ASOS commander.

Many of the Airmen who trained with their battalion counterparts prior to deployment often switched units to support other 172nd SBCT battalion or brigade entities once they were in the war zone.

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## SFS loses military working dog

Rin Tin, a military working dog with the 354th Security Forces Squadron, passed away March 9 at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Rin Tin, a German Sheppard, served as an Explosive Detector Dog. He was enlisted in the Air Force in May 1998 and was assigned to Eielson later that year. During his service at Eielson, Rin Tin deployed to Saudi Arabia and the Philippines.

He continued his service until he was diagnosed with bronchial cancer. Rin Tin was then rushed to Lackland for treatment by veterinary specialists, but it was not successful.

“The Military Working Dog Section and Security Forces Squadron will never forget Rin Tin – he will be sorely missed,” said Tech. Sgt. Joseph Cornellier, 354th SFS kennel master.



Rin Tin

## Battle Uniform finalized, ready for production

The new Airman Battle Uniform is ready for production and will be available in fiscal 2007, said the Air Force deputy chief of staff of personnel.

Many factors were considered in developing the final uniform selection, with the concern for Airmen being at the top of the list, said Brig. Gen Robert R. Allardice.

“We were looking for a uniform that would be easier to maintain,” he said. “We wanted to provide a uniform that the Airman wouldn’t need to spend a lot of out-of-pocket expenses to maintain.”

Also, Airmen’s feedback throughout the process was beneficial in adding new pockets on the uniform.

“We listened to the Airmen’s request where they wanted pockets to hold small tools and when they wear body armor the existing shirt pockets are not accessible or usable,” General Allardice said. “It will have the four pockets on the front of the shirt, and also a small pencil pocket on the left forearm and two pockets on the lower legs. In addition, inside the side pockets and inside of the breast pockets there will be smaller sewn-in pockets to hold small tools, flashlights or cell phones.”

The new uniform design is a pixelated tiger stripe with four soft earth

tones consisting of tan, grey, green and blue. The ABU will have a permanent crease and will be offered in 50-50 nylon-cotton blend permanent press fabric eliminating the need for winter and summer weight uniforms.

Will the new ABU need to be starched and pressed?

“Absolutely not,” he said. “Our uniform requirement is we want a uniform that you wash, pull it out of the dryer, and wear it. This requirement meets the ease and cost effectiveness needs in maintaining a uniform.”

He speaks from personal experience and added that in the long run it will save Airmen money on dry cleaning costs.

“I tested this uniform. I wash it, take it right out of the dryer and wear it,” General Allardice said. “We don’t want people putting an iron to it.”

The fit of the uniform was also a concern for Airmen.

“We’re making them available in more sizes to fit the body better,” he said. “We’ve taken the time to produce more sizes and tailored them for men and women.”

**Some other ABU accessory items:**

– A tan T-shirt will be worn; Airmen will be required to maintain one tan T-shirt with an Air Force logo on the front

and Air Force written on the back.

– Suede cowhide boots in matching green-gray color; like the desert boot these will be polish-free and available in men’s and women’s sizes.

– The word color for the name, U.S. Air Force, and rank is midnight blue; nametapes and rank insignia background will be tan and will be sewn on using a matching tan color thread.

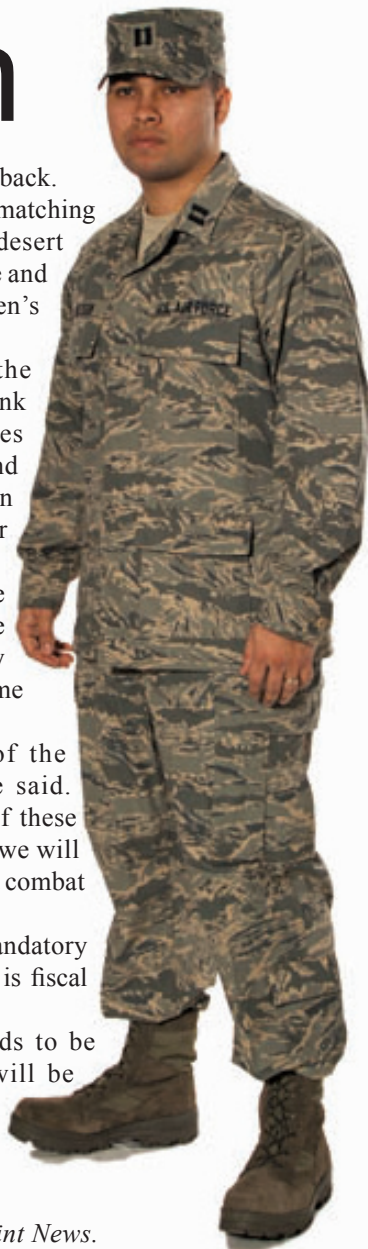
– The ABU adopts the battle dress uniform hat style for primary use and the floppy hat design will be used in some deployed areas.

“This is the uniform of the future,” General Allardice said. “Eventually when enough of these uniforms are manufactured, we will phase out the BDU and desert combat uniforms.”

The current projected mandatory wear date for the new ABU is fiscal 2011.

The only thing that needs to be determined is if patches will be worn and the Air Force chief of staff will make that determination soon, General Allardice said.

*Courtesy of Air Force Print News.*



## AFAF donation

Brig. Gen. Dave Scott, 354th Fighter Wing commander, fills out his Air Force Assistance Fund donation slip in his office Tuesday, while 1st Lt. Andrea Wild, Capt. Matthew Glynn and Master Sgt. David Cook, AFAF representatives, look on. AFAF provides immediate financial and housing assistance to Airmen and Reserve, Guard, retirees and surviving spouses and families.



Now in its 33rd year, 100 percent of designated AFAF contributions will benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. Last year, Airmen exceeded the campaign goal by contributing more than \$7.3 million. For a list of unit representatives, go to <https://intranet.eielson.af.mil/AFAF/POCs.htm>.



### ICEMEN DEPLOYED



Iraqi Freedom: 89  
Enduring Freedom: 434  
Other: 42  
Total = 565  
As of March 9

### WEEKEND WEATHER

#### Today

High 30, Low 10  
Partly Cloudy



Sunrise: 6:38 a.m.  
Sunset: 7:18 p.m.  
Daylight: 12hrs. 40 min.

#### Saturday

High 25, Low 10  
Mostly Cloudy



Sunrise: 6:31 a.m.  
Sunset: 7:21 p.m.  
Daylight: 12 hrs. 50 mins.

#### Sunday

High 30, Low 5  
Mostly Cloudy



Sunrise: 6:27 a.m.  
Sunset: 7:25 p.m.  
Daylight: 12 hrs. 58 mins.



Phone home

George Bender, Mike Higdon, Ed Constantine and Rich Witrosky, members of the Weldon M. Rucker, Post 10029, Veterans of Foreign Wars, donated 250 calling cards worth \$5,000 to Brig. Gen. Dave Scott, 354th Fighter Wing commander, on Thursday to benefit deployed members and single Airmen. The VFW purchased the cards through several fundraisers and donations collected in the local community.



Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver

# ‘Phishing’ scam targets Thrift Savings Plan participants

Participants, as well as some non-participants, in the Thrift Savings Plan are targets of a “phishing” scam, an official with the board administering the program said today.

Tom Trabucco, director of external affairs for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, said phishing is an “attempt to get recipients of the unsolicited e-mail to compromise themselves by giving up their personal financial information.”

Thrift Savings Plan administrators would never request personal or financial information via e-mail, Mr. Trabucco said.

“Do not respond to unsolicited e-mail, and never give out information of a personal nature (through unsolicited e-mails,” he said.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board alerted Thrift Savings Plan coordinators to the scam in a March 17 memo, the day after the scam was

discovered. The memo described it as an unsolicited e-mail with a link to a bogus Web site appearing to be the thrift plan’s account-access site.

The bogus site asks for a recipient’s social security and Thrift Savings Plan personal identification numbers. Entering this information takes the user to another screen where they are asked for financial information, including a credit card number, he said, adding that this information can be used to steal an individual’s identity.

As long as participants have not responded to this scam e-mail, their accounts have not been compromised, investment board officials wrote in the memo. Those who did respond should contact their financial institutions immediately for guidance. They should also call the Thrift Savings Plan at (877) 968-3778 and ask to have their account access blocked, according to the memo.

Phishing e-mails generally appear to be from a business or organization the recipient may deal with, according to a Federal Trade Commission Consumer Alert issued in June 2005. It may request that the recipient update, validate or confirm account information, the alert said.

Participants are encouraged not to attempt to access their accounts by clicking links offered in any e-mail, according to the memo. Only by opening a new Internet browser and typing the Thrift Savings Plan’s Web site into the address field can a participant be sure of accessing the authentic thrift plan Web site.

The thrift plan is a retirement savings plan for 3.6 million federal civilians and servicemembers, Mr. Trabucco said. Officials don’t know how many plan participants the scam has affected, but the FBI is investigating.

*Courtesy of Air Force Print News.*

## DEPLOYMENT CORNER



**Congratulations to Master Sgt. Robert Eeles for being selected as the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Wing Staff Senior NCO of the Month. Sergeant Eeles works as chief of finance customer support for the 354th Fighter Wing’s Comptroller Squadron.**

**Below, Icemen Senior Airman Mary Hubbard, 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, awaits a flight aboard a C-130 in South West Asia.**



### DWI CLOCK

The Iceman Team goal is 60 days without a DWI.

Days without a DWI: 5  
Days until goal: 55



Need a free ride home from the North Pole area or on base?  
**Call: 377-RIDE from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights**  
Need a ride home from Fairbanks?  
**Call: Klondike Cab, at 457-RIDE (7433) for discounted rides back to base.**

### AADD VOLUNTEERS

Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers gave **37** rides last weekend and have ‘saved’ **4,710** lives to date.

*Special thanks to last week’s Icemen volunteers for helping keep our Airmen safe.*

Airman 1st Class Brittany Davis  
Senior Airman Jonathan Lopez  
Senior Airman Timothy McCarthy  
Senior Airman Melissa Palmatier  
Airman Axel Parish  
Master Sgt. Vernon Chandler  
Airman 1st Class Richard Hargrove  
Airman 1st Class Allen Kern  
Airman 1st Class Livia Niculcea  
Airman 1st Class Amanda Logan  
Tech. Sgt. Joseph Kazense  
Master Sgt. Alphonso Bruce  
Tech. Sgt. Cassandra Evans  
Airman Shelby Jacobson  
Airman Lindsey Johnston  
Staff Sgt. Jeremy Garrett  
Senior Airman Catherine Jolley  
Airman 1st Class Christian Bird

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## Names 2 Note

**Anthony C. Shine Award**  
**PACAF nominee**

Congratulations to Capt. Marshall Chalverus, 18th Fighter Squadron, was selected as Pacific Air Forces nominee for the 2005 Anthony C. Shine Award. Capt. Chalverus represents one of the finest young fighter pilots in PACAF, displaying outstanding proficiency and professionalism.

**Col. Derrel Dempsey Officer of the Year:**

1st Lt. Jeffery Byman, 354 OSS

**Airfield Management Airman of the Year:**

Senior Airman Larry Furlough III, 354 OSS

**Airfield Management Supervisor (Civilian) of the Year:**

Robert Marcinkowski, 354 OSS

**Air Traffic Controller of the Year: Senior Airman Sarah Webb, 354 OSS**

**Grimes-Williams Award – Outstanding Combat Weather Team:**

3rd ASOS Combat Weather Team

**Pierce Award – Outstanding Weather NCO:**

Staff Sgt. Christopher Patterson, 3rd ASOS

**Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year:**

Master Sgt. Stephen Carr, 354 CS

**Air Traffic Control Enlisted Manager of the Year:**

Master Sgt. Kevin Crammer, 354 OSS (won while at Vance AFB, Okla.)

**Logistics Plans Airman of the Year:**

Airman 1st Class Hunter Lindblad, 354 LRS

**Transportation Civilian Technician of the Year:**

Robert Holmes, 354 LRS

**PA Director’s Excellence Award for Media Relations:**

354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**PACAF Commentary:**

Lt. Col. Mark Murphy, 354 MXS/CC

**Outstanding PA Company Grade Officer:**

1st Lt. Teresa Sullivan, 354 FW/PA (PCsed)

**PACAF Feature Article and Outstanding New Writer:**

Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver, 354 FW/PA  
**Outstanding CDC scores**

Airman 1st Class Christian Bird, 354th CS, 94 percent

Airman 1st Class Frederick Jordan, 354th CES, 94 percent

Airman Shelby Jacobson, 354th CS, 93 percent  
Staff Sgt. Lashanda Wilson, 354th MOS, 92 percent

Airman Ryan W. Rocker, 354th MXS, 91 percent

Staff Sgt. William Neely, 354th MXS, 91 percent

Staff Sgt. Daniel J. Jahnke, 354th AMXS, 90 percent

Airman 1st Class Oliver N. Hooker, 354th AMXS, 90 percent

Airman Marcus P. Aparicio, 354th AMXS, 90 percent

**It’s A Boy!**

Tech. Sergeants David and Larnetia Skippis, 354th CES, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Levi Skippis, on March 15. He weighed 8lbs. 11 ounces and was 21 inches long.



COMMANDER’S CORNER



Commander’s Hotline  
377-6100

The Hotline is your opportunity to get your issues and comments directly to me so I can address them.

Before you call the hotline, however, I strongly encourage you to give the unit involved, your first sergeant or commander a shot at resolving the issue. The Iceman Team takes care of its own, but you should give these people the chance to help. Please leave the names and organizations of the people you’ve contacted who have been unable to satisfy your concern, and I will look into the problem.

Your confidentiality will be respected at all times. Thank you!

Brig. Gen. Dave Scott  
354th Fighter Wing commander

Newspaper deadlines

ARCTIC SENTRY deadlines are close of business Friday prior to the following Friday’s publication. E-mail submissions to [editor@eielson.af.mil](mailto:editor@eielson.af.mil).

Story ideas?

THE ARCTIC SENTRY staff seeks to provide its customers with informative stories about the Iceman Team. E-mail story ideas to: [editor@eielson.af.mil](mailto:editor@eielson.af.mil).

Airmen thanked for doing an awesome job

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force,

March 19 marked the 3rd anniversary of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and the removal of an oppressive, dangerous regime. This was the culmination of a joint and coalition intense effort on land, sea, and air. I want to take this moment to say thanks for all your sacrifices ... and to let you know that you are doing awesome work. In OIF, within the Joint Force, our Total Force - active, guard, and reserve Airmen – grounded the Iraq Air Force, destroyed the combat effectiveness of the Iraqi ground forces, blinded the Hussein leadership and paved the way for a series of ground battles that saw Baghdad fall in 22 days. Your innovation and flexibility made the difference, whether it was Airmen decisively striking Republican Guard formations; in orbits over every Iraqi airfield; embedded with ground forces; launching and orbiting satellites high overhead; controlling armed UAVs; or airlifting critical supplies and troops. And today, you continue to provide air support to the Combatant Commanders around the world, while also flawlessly performing non-traditional missions like base

defense and convoy operations.

Your contributions to the spread of freedom and democracy did not begin three years ago; the Air Force has been at war continuously for over fifteen years – since the opening rounds of Operation Desert Storm and through twelve years of no-fly zone operations. And although Iraq is receiving the majority of attention, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation NOBLE EAGLE remain critical to winning this Long War. The Global War on Terror has now lasted 10 months longer than our Nation fought in World War II. This is a joint fight, across the world—where we have a vital role. Meanwhile, things have been fairly quiet on the home front, and that’s good. That means we are doing our job well. You are protecting America by monitoring intelligence, sitting alert, and flying patrols over our cities. By protecting our homeland and fighting the enemy on their turf, you are keeping your family, friends, and the American public safe. Our mission is to fly and fight and win our nations’ wars – and you’re doing just that.

You are making a difference. I am proud of you. America is proud of you. You are helping to rebuild



“It’s an honor and a privilege to serve alongside you at this time in the Republic’s history. You too are making a difference every day by your professionalism as well as your command and leadership example. Jennie and I proud to be a part of all this with you.”

by General Michael Moseley  
Air Force Chief of Staff

countries and protect fledgling democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan, while keeping America out of harm’s way. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Pakistani earthquake, Philippine landslides and, most recently, floods in Hawaii, brought out your best as well, as you pitched in side by side with allies and joint partners providing humanitarian relief across the globe and in our own backyard. You are the most combat experienced, battle-hardened Airmen since WWII. You are successfully doing whatever is asked of you across the domains of air, space, and cyberspace – you are always there.

Thanks for all that you’re doing – it matters. Your tireless efforts keep this the best Air Force the world has ever seen, ready to lead or support the joint fight anywhere, anytime. You are making it happen in Iraq, Afghanistan, in the skies over America, and anywhere our Nation needs us. Keep it up and keep ‘em flying!

T. MICHAEL MOSELEY  
General, USAF  
Chief of Staff

Commander explains importance of innovation

by Maj. Scott Sanford  
455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron commadner

We are an extremely precise, effective fighting force. In fact, we’re the most lethal air, land and sea combat force in the world. I offer you some suggestions on why this is and how we can maintain this awesome effectiveness for years to come. No, I won’t use words like “transformation,” “combat agility,” or any of those impressive phrases we hear so often in the news. While these terms represent important initiatives in today’s military, I can provide more common examples to help make this point.

Football coach Knute Rockne got the idea for Notre Dame’s “four horsemen” formation while watching a dance performance. World War I military designers borrowed from the cubist art of Picasso to create better camouflage patterns. The unbreakable U.S. military code used in World War II was derived from the Navajo language. As the above examples illustrate, when you encourage people to think outside the box you help build more effective processes and organizations.

Today’s military is highly complex. Or-

chestrating air, space and ground assets for “on target” results depends on the creative approaches to the problems that confront us all. Operating “out of the box” is more than just a catch phrase. Consider how many “boxes” we have in our military: technical orders, regulations, operating instructions, policy directives. While all of these boxes serve as strong foundations for our training and expertise, getting solutions to real problems requires hard thought and innovative ideas. If a jet engine mechanic comes up with a fix to a problem that isn’t in the technical order, that person has innovated a new solution. The logistician who must immediately get critical supplies to a remote location will probably have to work outside the normal operating guidelines to get the results needed. Do we disregard mission instructions and the orders provided to us? No, we simply come up with new ways of doing business that make the mission, and our military, better.

Thinking inside the box means accepting the status quo, and that doesn’t make organizations, or people, great. Retired men in Florida represent the perfect example of maintaining the status quo. Have you ever noticed that many retired men in Florida



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wear their pants up to their chests? There is a simple reason for this behavior. Most retired men wear their pants up to their chests because when they age, they shrink. Because these men are reluctant to change, a bit like not thinking outside the box, they never buy new pants.

Creating innovative solutions to problems isn’t just the work of engineers and inventors; we have opportunities every day to improve our work. Our men and women use their knowledge of regulations and

instructions, but go a step further and develop really creative, smart ideas that work. Innovation, continuous improvement and adapting to change are the key ingredients that I suggest make our military the best fighting force in the world.

Ask those who work with you each day and also ask yourself: How can we make our jobs easier? What can we do to make things work better? If you reward this kind of thinking in your work centers you’ll be both proud and surprised at the results.





**Above, arriving in theater in August the 3rd ASOS facilitated the close air support for the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team. Although the first wave of 3rd ASOS troops has returned to Alaska, another group is deploying to finish out their support of the Fort Wainwright unit, which is employed in Operation Iraqi Freedom for one year.**

#### ASOS from Page 1

“I was originally aligned with the brigade, but when we shipped out I was switched to 4-14 Calvary,” said Senior Airman Adam Banas, 3rd ASOS tactical air command and control specialist. “I stayed with 4-14 for the first three months, then when back up to brigade,” he said.

Airman Banas explained that it’s easy to move from unit to unit in Iraq because of how well the TACPs work with their Army counterparts and maintain such a good relationship with them.

“We do everything with our Army brothers, whether it’s rolling around town in the Strykers, going to the chow hall, or pulling guard when we camp out over night. We became very close to our Army counterparts over there and it was hard to leave knowing they’d still be there,” Airman Banas said.

The 3rd ASOS serves as the primary air

liaison between the Army and Air Force during ground operations.

The squadron became the first Air Force unit to receive the TACP Stryker in May at the Army’s Joint Training Center at Fort Polk, La., where realistic training preparation intensified prior to the Iraq deployment.

“The TACP Stryker vehicle is a God-send and I wouldn’t want my Airmen in any other vehicle,” Colonel Smith said. “It’s the most agile and survivable fighting vehicle in theater—plus it is fast and carries a powerful punch.

Colonel Smith said the TACP Stryker is outfitted with all the latest complement of Air Force TACP electronic equipment, too.

“We provide the local ground commanders a God’s-eye-view of the battle with our Rover III feeds (direct feed from targeting pod-equipped

fighters or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles’s).

The 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron, located at Fort Wainwright, Alaska is a subordinate unit of the 354th Operations Group, located at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

The 3rd ASOS provides close air support command and control for the Army, critical to successfully prosecuting the air or land battle. During wartime, Airmen direct CAS to associated units and act as airpower advocates, letting Army planners know what advantages air power can bring to the battle.

However, with all the available technology and combat training, Airman Banas said it was the interaction with the people of the war torn country that he will remember most.

“I wanted to see everything that was going on first hand because I know how the situation there can be portrayed inaccurately. After being

over there I know that our mission is just and that we have an obligation to set this country on the right path and I feel that we are accomplishing a lot over there.”

Joint Terminal Attack Controller Master Sgt. Joe Ruble echoed Airman Banas’ evaluation of the mission there.

“The kids were all extremely friendly and most of the adults were as well,” Sergeant Ruble said. “I believe the majority of them knew we were there to help and they appreciated our efforts.”

Both Airmen agreed that although the Iraqi conflict will not likely be terminated soon, they still felt their part of the mission was complete.

“My biggest concern was getting myself and my buddies back in one piece,” Airman Banas said.



**Senior Airmen Steve Kingsbury and Joe Aton (above) keep an eye out for trouble aboard a Stryker vehicle in Iraq. The 3rd ASOS is the Air Force’s first unit ever to deploy with the Air Force Tactical Air Control Party Stryker vehicle.**



**Performing surveillance and reconnaissance missions (right) effectively neutralizes enemy freedom of movement and prevents attacks. Combat arms training carried out in theater (left) ensured 3rd ASOS personnel embedded with the Army are able to assist with conducting more than 850 ground combat patrols.**





## International Bowhunter's Education Program

To sign-up for an IBEP class, call Gary Crawford at 347-4252 or 372-1489 or Tommy Johnson at 372-2209. *\*The outdoor shoot portion of the class will take place weather permitting.*

The IBEP class is required for bowhunters wanting to hunt in Alaska.

**April 8** - classroom

**May 6** - classroom/shoot

**July 15** - classroom/\*shoot

**July 29** - classroom/shoot

**Oct 21** - classroom/\*shoot

**Nov 18** - classroom

## Dry cleaning available on base

The Quarter-master Laundry is located at bldg. 2345 Wabash St. The facility offers tailoring, sewing and dry cleaning. Expect 3-4 working days for dry cleaning to be completed. For more information, call 377-3581.



### A world of ice

Right, Kimberly Locke, daughter of Jennifer and Tech. Sgt. John Locke, 354th Fighter Wing legal office, slides down an ice slide at the Ice Park Saturday. Above, a mammoth was part of a "Smile you are on Candid Camera" sculpture set. More than 45,000 spectators come through the gates of the Ice Park each year. There are more than 100 life size sculptures to view at the park. The Ice Park is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily and is open through Sunday. For more information, call 455-6408.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Camp Purple

Operation Camp Purple takes place July 9-15 at Lost Lake Scout Camp. The camp is open to children ages 9-15 from military families who have recently had, currently have, or will soon have a parent deployed.

Activities include boating, swimming, marksmanship, archery, crafts and more. For camp registration forms, visit [www.operationpurple.org](http://www.operationpurple.org) or call 353-5962.

### Anderson PTO meeting

An Anderson Parent Teacher Organization meeting is 5 p.m. Tuesday in the multi-purpose room at Anderson Elementary School. Child care will be provided. The agenda will include "The After School Program" and an "Open Forum" to discuss any new or previous topics. E-mail [andersonpto@yahoo.com](mailto:andersonpto@yahoo.com) or call 372-2123 for more information. Also, for updated school information, please visit website at [www.andersonpto.bravehost.com](http://www.andersonpto.bravehost.com).

### Job, career Fair

A 2006 Job and Career Fair takes place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Carlson Center, Fairbanks. More than 100 employers will be present.

### Little league baseball meeting

An Eielson little league baseball meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Arctic Survival School, 2610 Central Ave. Parents of players, coaches and umpires are encouraged to attend. Call Dave Lemelin at 372-2016 or 378-1256.

### New Pass, I.D. hours

Military Clothing Sales is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. They are also open April 8.

### Tutors needed

The Literacy Council of Alaska needs volunteer tutors to improve the literacy rate in Fairbanks. A free tutor orientation takes place 6-9 p.m. Thursday at 517 Gaffney Rd. Training will continue April 1-2. Call Elizabeth Sharrock at 456-6212 or e-mail [elizrocks@yahoo.com](mailto:elizrocks@yahoo.com).

### Fairbanks softball league

Team representatives interested in participating in the Golden Heart Softball Association should attend a GHSA general meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Eagles Hall in Fairbanks. The league has spots open for men's, women's and co-ed teams. For more information, call 452-6768 or 347-3292.

### Archery potluck

An indoor range potluck and 3-D shoot is 11 a.m. Saturday at the indoor archery range located in the basement of Bldg. 2333. Cost is \$10 for members, \$5 for children and \$15 for nonmembers. Cash prizes will be awarded.

### Hometown News Releases

The Army and Air Force Hometown News Release program is designed to help Icemen showcase their accomplishments in their hometown newspapers for family and friends. Categories include: promotions, awards and decorations, arrivals, reenlistment, retirement and more. To fill out an electronic news release, go to <https://intranet.eielson.af.mil/PA/hometown.htm>.

### Boy Scouts

A Boy Scouts of America Troop 8 meeting occurs every Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Bldg. 2613 on Wabash Ave. (Bottom floor). Boys ages 11 - 18 are welcome to join. No experience necessary. E-mail [steven.curley@eielson.af.mil](mailto:steven.curley@eielson.af.mil) or call Mr. Curley at 377-4243 for more information.

### Scholarships available

The Eielson Officers' Spouses Club offers a limited number of competitive academic scholarships to high school seniors who are dependents of active duty or retired military members and spouses of active duty service members. Contact the base education center for an application. Call 372-1295.

## Women's History Month

MARCH 2006

### Women's History Month Luncheon

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday,  
March 31 at the Yukon Club

**Cost:** \$8.35 club members  
\$10.35 non-members

**Guest Speaker: Karen Washburn**

Karen is a life-long Fairbanksian and has been in real estate for more than 20 years. She owns her own real estate business, Alaskan Brokers, Real Estate.

POC is Capt. Mathews, 377-3071 or Master Sgt. Palos, 377-1357.



Free book with sign-up

The community center is accepting registrations for their new book club. The first five to sign-up will receive a free copy of the “The Da Vinci Code.” Call 377-2642.

Cabin excursion

An overnight cabin excursion to Birch Lake, Eielson’s military recreation site, is slated for April 1-2. Winter cabin rates are \$45-65. There will be a free ice fishing tournament with prizes awarded for the longest fish caught.

Heli-boarding

A Heli-boarding trip to Valdez is slated for April 7-9. The \$195 fee includes hotel stay, continental breakfast and transportation. Cost for heli-boarding is \$109.

Trail bike ride

A trail bike ride at Chena Hot Springs is slated for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 2, weather permitting. Transportation and lunch will be provided. The fee is \$30 with equipment; \$20 without. Helmets are required.

SERVICES PROGRAMS

*Editor’s Note: For a list of other classes and programs, call 377-3268 or surf to www.eielsonservices.com. RSVP for classes. Outdoor recreation rents ski equipment, Ice fishing equipment and various other outdoor equipment. Call 377-1232.*

Programs

**Texas Hold ‘em tournaments:** 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Yukon Club. Call 377-1075.

**Deployed bowling for family members:** 5-7 p.m. Fridays at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.

**Trap shoot:** 5-9 p.m. Tuesdays at the skeet and trap range. Instruction, ammunition and loaner guns are available. Call 377-5338.

**FitFactor weekly events:** 2:30 p.m. Fridays at the youth center.

**Thrifty Tuesdays:** 5-8 p.m. \$1 specials on bowling and food at Arctic Nite Lanes.

**Skeet league:** Log 50 targets per week. Any adult, active-duty member, family member, civilian or retiree may join the league. Call 377-5338.

**Chess club:** 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the community center. Call 377-2642.

**Spades tournament:** 8 p.m. Fridays at the Yukon Club.

**Bowling instruction:** Available at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.



Today

❖A pool tournament is slated for 7-11 p.m. in the Teen Break. Teen Youth Center members may sign up at the youth center. Call 377-3194.

❖Thunder Alley glow bowling is 7-11 p.m. at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.

Saturday

❖Retro Night takes place 7-11 p.m. at the Teen Break. For membership information, visit the youth center or call 377-3194.

❖Colorama, an adult bowling event with prizes, is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.

❖Latin Night takes place 9 p.m. at the Yukon Club.

Monday

❖The aero club offers flight-seeing specials within a 25-mile radius of base. Call 377-1223 to schedule a flight.

Thursday

❖Youth center members can make their own kites 3 p.m. at the Youth Center in celebration of National Kite Day. For more information or questions, call 377-3194.

March 31

❖Free popcorn and a tour take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. dur-

ing customer appreciation day at the community center. Call 377-2642.

❖The deadline to sign up for youth-teen swim team and PRO-fit is today. Children may sign up at the youth center. For more information or questions, call 377-3194.

April 1

❖A cross-country ski trip to Birch Hill in Fairbanks is slated for 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 1. The \$5 fee includes transportation. Ski packages cost an additional \$5. The trip is for experienced skiers only. For more information, call 377-1232.



All movies show at 7 p.m. at the base theater unless otherwise noted.

**Tonight:** WHEN A STRANGER CALLS  
Police notify a babysitter that scary calls are coming from inside the house. Rated PG-13 (terror, violence, language) 83 min.

**Saturday:** FINAL DESTINATION 3  
A high school student teams with a school-mate in a race against time to prevent the Grim Reaper from revisiting the survivors of a prior tragedy. Rated R (violence/gore, language, nudity) 82 min.

**Sunday:** SOMETHING NEW  
Kenya, a professional African-American woman tries dating a white landscaper. Rated PG-13 (sexual references) 99 min  
language, nudity) 82 min.

**Thursday:** WHEN A STRANGER CALLS



Staff Sgt. Shirley Phillips

Practice makes perfect

Morgan Burns, 354th Services Squadron lifeguard, practices raquetball at the fitness center Thursday. A raquetball tournament takes place 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday at the fitness center. Call 377-1925 to sign-up.

ACCESS EIELSON

*Editor’s Note: Access Eielson is the central source for all base helping agencies. All activities take place at the family support center unless otherwise noted. For a list of other classes and programs call 377-2178 or go to www.eielson.af.mil.*

Upcoming Events

**A Hearts Apart Monthly Social and Sled-ding Party,** 6-8 p.m. today at Iceman Falls.

**Interviewing Tips,** 9-10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

**Alaska State Job Application Process,** 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

**Pre-Separation Briefing,** noon to 4 p.m. Thursday.

**Great Expectations,** noon to 4 p.m. Thursday.

Ongoing Programs

**Deployment Briefings:** Every Tuesday and Thursday, single Airmen at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and married Airmen at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

**Ready, Set, Grow Playgroup:** 10–11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the community center.

**Smooth Move:** 9–11:30 a.m. every Wednesday.

**Polar Stroller Rollers:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday at the youth center gym.



“What do you like about being stationed at Eielson?”



*“The people here are really tight ... the community is close-knit.”*

**Staff Sgt. Tiffany Woods, 354th Contracting Squadron.**



*“The mountains and the snow. The AMMO troops are great. I like to see the jets that come here for Cope T.”*

**Senior Airman Ebony Ragin, 354th Maintenance Squadron.**



*“The summers are the best. I like to fish and hunt.”*

**Senior Airman Shane McGregor, 354th Security Forces Squadron.**



*“I like the people I work with. I also like the selection at the commissary.”*

**Senior Airman Amy Perry, 354th Maintenance Squadron.**



*“I like the fact that I can see moose or bear in my back yard and the indoor swimming is great.”*

**Maj. Todd Craigie, 18th Fighter Squadron.**

Why do we have to pay taxes?

by **Tech. Sgt. Lisa Zrucky**  
354th Fighter Wing Legal Office

We are fortunate to live in a country where we get to pay taxes. Taxes pay for our highways, law enforcement, armed forces and many other public services we take for granted. Just about any day you can hear news about countries that don’t have such services. Imagine living in a place like that.

The federal government’s power to tax is derived from Article 1, Section 8, clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States of America, which grants Congress the “power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises . . .” The 16th Amendment to the Constitution also states that “Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, *from whatever source derived* . . .”

The constitution further explains that taxes “provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States.”

The very first internal-revenue tax law was enacted on March 3, 1791, and imposed a tax on distilled spirits and stills. Since that time, a sorted and complicated history involving the of the current Internal-Revenue Tax Code has unfolded.

Throughout the history of taxes in this country, revenue paid into the federal government has been the primary means to support a strong infrastructure (including railways, roads and airlines), defend the nation in times of war, and lead the world in political, economic and technological advances.

The United States has the longest running, and most successful, taxation system in the history of the world.

The bottom line is that for well over a hundred years we have had a codified body of laws that make it a requirement for all citizens to file their income tax return

with the federal government.

The enforcement of this law can sometimes be difficult for those filing, and even worse for those who wrongfully choose not to file their taxes. Some of the nation’s worst criminals have been incarcerated for tax evasion charges, including the infamous gangster Al Capone.

Some people who overpay their taxes by having excessive withholdings from their pay are allowed to file a return from the federal government wherein they receive a refund of the excess money paid.

If those of you who have overpaid their federal taxes are

gracious enough to not want the excess taxes back you may choose not to file your tax return. But only those entitled to a refund may choose not to file and if you are mistaken, criminal charges may still be filed against you for failing to file. For everyone else, the Air Force provides a tax program that allows members to file their tax return and receive tax advice free of charge through the 354th Fighter Wing Legal Office.

Only 24 days remain until April 17. Please take advantage of all of the great resources available to you to file your taxes.

*Capt. Michael Tewalt, 354th FW/JA, contributed to this article.*

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Volunteering for committees has its benefits

by **Master Sgt. Rob Palos**  
354th Fighter Wing Military Equal Opportunity Chief

Special Observance committees are composed of motivated individuals, military or civilian, ready to put forward activities which increase awareness, mutual respect and understanding on base and in the surrounding community.

They also serve to highlight the accomplishments and contributions made by various people that are oftentimes overlooked in traditional history books.

As we continue in the new year, you may have seen or heard about requests for volunteers. Perhaps you may have wondered what it is like to be a part of one of these committees and asked yourself: Do I have to be a certain race or gender? Is experience required? Is it any fun?

**First, observances are educational,** and while they serve to foster a sense of

pride amongst the members of that group, the observance month is not truly successful unless it brings cultural awareness to you, cultures different than your own and the surrounding community.

For example, **Women’s History Month (March) celebrates the achievements of women** such as Harriet Tubman, a black woman who escaped slavery to become one of the most important Union spies and scouts during the Civil War and who led 300 people in their escape from slavery via the system of safe houses known as the Underground Railroad.

Presidential Medal of Freedom winner Annie Dodge Wauneka worked to educate her native Navajo community about preventing and treating disease. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a city bus in Montgomery, Ala., helping to inspire a nationwide movement for equal justice under the law.

By becoming a part of an observance

committee you can learn and pass on new and important information,

**Second, observances are essential** because they remind us that the United States of America remains a country offering the greatest prize on Earth – Freedom.

During observances, committee members are able to recognize important historical events, facts, or influential people from all walks of life, including military personnel, people from business, law, politics, family life, etc.

An example is the **Holocaust Days of Remembrance (April 23-30)**, which recognizes one of the most tragic events in world history. Today, more than ever before, the Holocaust serves as a powerful example of how our nation can, and must, respond to unprecedented crimes.

**Finally, observances are fun,** what a great way to bring education and understanding to the base populace, while personally working with a broad spectrum of

military and civilian members to produce the best events possible.

You will have the opportunity to experience new things in a festive atmosphere. For example, during **Asian Pacific Islander Month (May)**, you might learn about Feng Shui which literally means “wind and water.” Its roots are 5,000 years old.

Growing in popularity in the U.S. each year, Feng Shui seeks to promote prosperity, good health and general well being by examining how energy, *qi*, pronounced “chee,” flows through a particular room, house, building or garden.

Joining an observance committee also allows you to undergo a sensation of culture, not to mention, enjoy lots of food and music. And, when it’s all over, you will develop a great sense of satisfaction, having accomplished an important contribution, crafted with enthusiasm and teamwork.

For more information on observance committees, call 377-1357.



# North Pole JROTC Tours EAFB

by 2nd Lt. Bryon McGarry  
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Iceman Team played host to about 40 North Pole High School students Monday, showcasing a few of the wing's operational and support facilities and building on a long-standing community friendship.

The students, all Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets at NPHS, learned a great deal about the opportunities the Air Force has to offer them and the quality of professionals they employ, said retired USAF Maj. James Alonzo, NPHS AFJROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor.

"As a group, the students were highly impressed with the way our hosts interacted with them," he said. "They felt that they were treated as adults and had all their questions answered thoroughly."

He added that the young ladies were thrilled to see young female Airmen working right alongside their male counterparts. "They have heard me say that women in the Air Force were afforded the same job opportunities. However, they were impressed seeing the women in the weapons shop doing the same work as the men."

The students had the opportunity to interact with several of the sharpest Airmen and civilians Eielson has to offer during the tour, which included stops at the 354th Maintenance Group weapons standardization facility,

Arctic Nite Lanes and the Two Seasons dining facility.

"Being face to face with a Hawg and a Viper was just awesome," said Cadet Brandy Johnson. "That and getting a chance to talk with real live Airmen was just a great experience."

"They're ready to visit again now," Maj. Alonzo said. "They'd be happy just looking at the airplanes and talking to the folks who fly them and work on them."

The students had the opportunity to speak with pilots of each jet, which gave them a "connection with the airplane." "It was a real experience for them to talk to someone who flew the airplane and who spoke to them on a one-to-one basis," he added.

The JROTC program has been at NPHS since 1994, just the second program in the state after West Anchorage High School, which started its program in the 60s.

Maj. Alonzo added that the program, represented all over the U.S. and at Department of Defense schools overseas, has grown from 500 units in the late 90s to more than 700 nationwide today. He said Eielson has been the reason for the program's success locally.

"From hosting our annual summer leadership camp, including Ben Eielson and Lathrop High School JROTC programs, to supporting these visits, the base is a great motivator for a lot of these young people," he said. "I look forward to a continued close relationship."



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Julie

**North Pole High School students (from left) Garrett Spencer, Travis Wolf and Zack Bohan get up close and personal with a 30 mm A-10 cannon. The students toured the 354th MXG weapons standardization facility Monday.**



**Above, 1st Lt. Mike McGrew, 18th Fighter Squadron pilot, shares flying experiences with NPHS students. Right, Staff Sgt. Matthew Buzzard, 354th Maintenance Squadron weapons academics instructor, goes over the finer points of Air Force munitions with Maj. James Alonzo, NPHS AFJROTC commander, and Justin Garman, NPHS student.**



**Left, Master Sgt. John Travise, 354th MXG weapons load crew chief, explains technical specifications of F-16 and A-10 munitions to NPHS students and chaperones. Above, Seth Garman and Ethan Vande Wall peruse the food selections and load up their lunch trays at the Two Seasons dining facility.**